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TANK PRODUCTION HAS BEEN SUSPECTED IN THE LUOYANG AREA SINCE AT LEAST 1977, WHEN ONE CONFIRMED AND ONE PROBABLE TURRET CASTING MOLD WERE OUTSIDE THE CASTING/FOUNDRY BUILDING AT THE ARMS AND MINING MACHINERY PLANT. TURRET CASTING MOLDS WERE ALSO CONFIRMED HERE IN OCTOBER 1980. A RELATED TEST AREA, LUOYANG ARMOR VEHICLE TEST TRACK AND RANGE [ ], 2.6 NM SOUTHWEST OF THE ARMS AND MINING MACHINERY PLANT, WAS FIRST OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN 1979. THE TEST TRACK WAS PROBABLY OPERATIONAL BETWEEN DECEMBER 1982 AND APRIL 1983 WHEN ARMORED VEHICLE TRACKAGE WAS OBSERVED. (SWN) [ ]

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